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SUBJECT: LOWER-SAXONY MINISTER OF JUSTICE RESIGNS

1. DR. HANS PUVOGEL, 66, CDU, MINISTER OF JUSTICE IN THE LOWER-SAXONY CABINET OF DR. ERNST ALBRECHT RESIGNED ON MARCH 24, 1978. DR. PUVOGEL, MEMBER OF THE LAND PARLIAMENT SINCE 1962, DEPUTY CDU FLOOR LEADER UNTIL 1976 WHEN MINISTER PRESIDENT DR. ERNST ALBRECHT APPOINTED HIM AS HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

2. THE SPD PRESENTLY IN OPPOSITION TO THE CDU/FDP COALITION IN HANNOVER DISCOVERED THAT AT THE AGE OF 25 HANS PUVOGEL SUPPORTED RACE DISCRIMINATING THEORIES IN HIS DISSERTATION AT THE GOETTINGEN UNIVERSITY IN 1936. THE SPD BELIEVES THAT WITH THIS BACKGROUND DR. PUVOGEL CAN NO LONGER BE SUPERVISOR OF THE LOWER-SAXONY JUDGES.

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3. MINPRES DR. ALBRECHT WAS ON EASTER VACATION OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY AND DR. PUVOGEL TRAVELLED TO HIM TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION AND FURTHER ACTION. HE FINALLY OFFERED HIS RESIGNATION SINCE HE DID NOT WANT TO BE A DISCUSSION TOPIC DURING THE CAMPAIGN FOR THE STATE ELECTIONS ON JUNE 4, 1978. MINPRES DR. ALBRECHT ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION AND WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT

OF JUSTICE UNTIL JUNE 4.  
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